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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I would like to take some time to express my opinion about the settlement that was reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft last November. The settlement brought an end to the three-year antitrust dispute, and was fair and just. I also hope that there will be no further legal action against the Microsoft Corporation.

I simply do not understand why American taxpayer dollars have been misused in the pursuit of litigation against Microsoft. Now more than ever, America needs to spend its money more carefully. The economy is still suffering from the beginning of this whole dispute, and the stock market is in disrepair. Microsoft has done so much for the economy, providing jobs, and has completely changed the face of the computing and technology industries. They need to be allowed to continue with innovation and bringing new and useful products to the marketplace. Even with restrictions like having to share its software information and allowing being reviewed by a government committee, Microsoft can still be a powerful economic force.

I appreciate your time and consideration with this issue. I am happy with the settlement that was reached in the beginning of November. I believe this settlement will benefit all of us.

Sincerely,



Donald Burlison